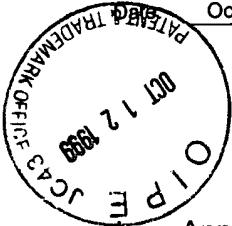


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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1048 (Docket No. GC507-2). A triplicate of this paper is      enclosed.

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